

**THE HISTORY OF IRON MAIDEN - Part 1: The Early Days**

Columbia/Sanctuary

This beast of a DVD from Iron Maiden's humble beginnings is for you, the hard-core fan. "Part 1: The Early Days" will take you back to a time when this heavy metal great used to play pubs and small clubs as can be seen on Live At The Rainbow and Live At The Ruskin. There is a 90 minute documentary on the band's early days as a heavy metal band trying to establish its place in the metal world. This DVD also features interviews with current and past members too, the exception being singer Blaze Bayley. In addition all of this great footage, there two headlining concerts filmed in their entirety and five promo videos which include such classics as "Run To The Hills", "The Trooper" and three others which you'll be pleased to see. Overall, very impressive, yet comprehensive. **Sarjoo Devani**

**GREEN CARNATION - Alive and Well... In Krakow**

MVD

Simply, mesmerizing. Be prepared to be lulled away from your present existence to a land of sorrow, as Green Carnation's performance recorded live in Poland in January of 2004 is a masterpiece. Green Carnation by now is a separate entity from its members' other endeavors. Lead by former Emperor bassist and Blood Red Throne guitarist Tchort, Green Carnation perform melancholic, introspective metal that would appeal to fans of Katatonia and the sorrowful, acoustic moments of Opeth. In addition to songs from their albums, the DVD features several bootleg videos, acoustic versions, interviews, art and photo galleries, and convincing covers of Chris Isaac's "Wicked Game" and A-HA's "Stay on These Roads". **Bruce Buchanan**

**SLAYER - Still Reigning**

American/Universal

Holy shit, with the entire album of "Reign In Blood", Slayer's now infamous and Satanic classic is a nightmare come true. With head banging and fist swinging cuts in the form of "Angel of Death", "Piece By Piece", "Necrophobic", "Altar of Sacrifice", "Jesus Saves", "Criminally Insane", "Reborn", "Epidemic", "Postmortem" and "Raining Blood", your unholy inner demons will be unleashed on anyone who crosses your path of darkness. The bonus material on this DVD consisting of "War Ensemble" and "South of Heaven" to name a few along with some interview footage with Slayer is just killer, so check this out and reign with the kings of speed metal. **Sarjoo Devani**

**METAL BLADE RECORDS - Digital Video Destruction**

Metal Blade

Plenty videos of that run the gamut of current Metal Blade recording artists. Some of these artists are well known such as Six Feet Under, Amon Amarth, The Crown, or Cannibal Corpse while others are not so well known like Brainstorm, Cataract, or Ancient. The videos presented here are all rare gems for Americans who almost never have a chance to see many of these artist's videos on television. Despite the number of videos here, there are no other features to this DVD, just music videos, thus making a rather boring DVD. Although having videos from Ancient, Brainstorm, Amon Amarth and Impious are a plus for Digital Video Destruction, there should be interviews or behind the scenes stuff rather than simply videos to make this worthwhile. **Richard Conner**

**VADER - Night of The Apocalypse**

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Oh man, I think I'm going to burn in eternal sin for watching this concert of Vader, from Krakow, Poland in 2002. This is pure vintage Vader, covering their long discography. It is incredible how their live songs match the brutality and musicianship of their studio recordings. Vader are perfectionists here, not one note astray or one beat missed. Thanks to English subtitles, we can understand vocalist Peter when he tells the world in Polish that Poland is the home of talented, maniacal aggression, but you really don't need the subtitles to understand that, the music and shots of the crowd convince resoundingly. Vader's cover of Slayer's "Raining Blood" will forever be hard to top by anyone. The DVD extras are essential for any Vader fan. **Bruce Buchanan**

**TESTAMENT - Seen Between the Lines**

Escapi/Screaming Ferret

This latest (burnt) offering from One of The Greatest Fucking Metal Bands Ever is a combination "Souls of Black" tour bootleg/music video collection/"behind the scenes" footage of the Skolnick-era quintet wandering around Tokyo-- eating Sushi, talking to fans, etc. That last bit is about as exciting as it sounds; the only parts of interest are some of the hot Japanese girls (much better-looking than Japanese Iron Maiden fans, if I may say so), the architecture, and Chuck Billy signing "Satan" on the shirt of a nerve-racked fan-boy. It's really only a must-have for all you fanatics in the Legion who can stand bootlegs (I can't) and loved SOB (wasn't a huge fan of that, either). The music videos (all from their early days) are a welcome trip down nostalgia lane, though. A satisfactory appetizer before the new album... **Jeff Nau**

**DISMEMBER - Live Blasphemies**

Escapi/Screaming Ferret

Having been a huge fan of Dismember since the release of their debut "Like An Ever Flowing Stream", I've been consistently impressed with this band's ability to create fiery albums. "Live Blasphemies", their first ever DVD is no exception to this rule as they just decimate their hometown audience of Stockholm to shreds with their barbaric onstage brutality. With cranium severing numbers like "Soon To Be Dead", the classic "Skin Her Alive", "Casket Garden" and "Bleed For Me" are loaded with more gun powder than a single-shot shotgun, phewwww!!! "Live Blasphemies" also features a documentary of the band's humble beginnings to present day, along with an interactive discography. With this and other features, Dismember will surely rip your head off on this killing machine. **Sarjoo Devani**

